

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
held on 19th May 2011 in
Headley Village Hall, Church Lane, Headley

Present: David Preedy - Chairman
 Headley Parish Councillors: Sarah Connolly
 Paul Furr
 Chrissie James
 Jane Pickard
 Geoffrey Robb
 Erin Sheridan
 In attendance: Gill Riggs - Clerk
 County Cllr. Hazel Watson
 Surrey Police: PC Dom Lorraine, PCSO Ivor Williams
 Approx. 57 members of the public

Apologies: Cpl. Chris Livett (Headley Court).

1. Introduction:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending and said it was nice to see so many people. The Chairman explained that the format this year is slightly different, with three main presentations; and the remainder of village organisations displaying presentations round the walls on their events and progress of the past year.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 13th May 2010 were approved - proposed by Peter Denyer and seconded by Adrienne Lloyd-Williams.

3. Chairman's Report:

Past year:-

The Chairman gave an outline of what has been happening in the village during the year and the main initiatives carried out by the Parish Council:-

Administration and Precept

Explanation was given on the main tasks the Parish Council has responsibility for which are playground, hedge-cutting, footpath contracts and consulting on planning applications. Main running costs are footpath and other strimming, insurance, playground, Parish Plan support, Clerk's salary/revised hours. The Chairman thanked George Nixon for continuing to carry out the Internal Audit.

Litter picks

Well supported and we now carry out two per year. Currently supported also by MVDC who donate £1 for each bag collected, to a local charity of the Parish Council's choice. 40 bags were collected in April.

Village of the Year competition

A category prize was won again last year, which paid for replacement football nets.

Clay Pigeon Shooting Club

Liaison continues between the Parish Council and the shooting club in an attempt to reduce noise levels. Further measures are currently being planned and the Parish council appreciates the efforts the club has made so far.

Affordable Housing

Working with MVDC to establish what is currently acceptable on the nursery site - at present the planners consider the site an "exception to exception" but are prepared to consider a small development of four Affordable Housing units. The new owners of the site are working with the Parish Council to achieve this, but are proposing to include four open market units.

Broadband/mobile phone reception

Work continues with phone companies to improve the signals in the village. It is hoped that plans for the Olympic cycle race may have a positive impact on this.

Emergency Plan

The Parish Council is currently working to update the previous plan, and it is a credit to the commitment of the village how well everyone pulled together in the snow conditions last winter.

Signage de-cluttering

Working with SCC and other agencies for more environmentally friendly signs within the village.

Tree Warden

Chris Livett of Headley Court was appointed Tree Warden for the village last year.

Looking forward:-**Localism**

Under the proposed Localism bill, there will be an opportunity to have more local control over issues such as planning; and options to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan or a Neighbourhood Control Order.

Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council would like to hear what residents would like to see happening and the Chairman asked people to come forward if they would like to be involved.

Olympic cycling

It was explained that LOCOG are currently planning for the large numbers of expected spectators to both the practice event in August 2011 and the main event in 2012. A drop-in session is now fixed for the afternoon/evening of 28th June in the village hall, where people can come and ask questions as well as look at displays and hear about plans.

The Chairman explained that the Councillors and Clerk put in a significant effort in doing their best to represent the community and it is a sign of the health of the village that the Parish Council managed to recruit four new Councillors, given that four were retiring. The Chairman introduced the new Councillors and said he was pleased to see such a good geographical split to represent the village.

The Chairman thanked the four retiring Councillors and in particular Peter Denyer who has served for thirty two years, following in his Father's footsteps; and Tessa Bridges who has served twenty two years. Presentations were made.

Henry Smith Charity

The Chairman read a report prepared by Jane Pickard which outlined the background to the charity and stated that a number of cash grants and vouchers had been given out in November. A number of people with family problems have been helped during the year. The charity tries to keep in touch with what is happening in the village, which is not always easy. People were asked to come forward and advise if they know or hear of anyone in difficulty.

4. Surrey Police

PC Dom Lorraine and PCSO Ivor Williams gave an update on crime statistics and went on to tell the meeting about concerns relating to the increasing number of cyclists. All cycling clubs in the South East have been written to reminding them of cyclist's legal obligations when using the roads. The regulations state that cyclists can ride two abreast on most roads and singly only on narrow roads. The police are regularly in attendance at Box Hill at weekends and will be issuing on the spot fines for cyclists found sitting in the middle of the road. The Chairman thanked Dom and Ivor for attending the meeting.

5. Parish Council Accounts

Copies of the draft accounts for the year 01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011 were distributed to the meeting for information, and these will be adopted by the Parish Council at its' next meeting.

6. Presentations:-

Headley Playground Steering Group

Two members of the group gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation and advised that a residents' survey had gone out to all households to establish the number of children/grandchildren in Headley and to ascertain the types of equipment which children would like to see installed.

Approximately a 25% response had been received so far and it was explained that once the survey was complete, quotations would then be sought from playground companies; and grant and local fundraising would commence. It is hoped that the project will be completed by 2013.

Headley Parish Plan

The group's Chairman spoke on behalf of the group and explained that plans are going well and that the recent open day was a great success with a good attendance. A survey to establish a "wish list" is being worked on currently. People are invited and encouraged to come forward with ideas.

National Trust

Sue Harris gave an excellent slide show and presentation on various aspects of Headley Heath, outlining recent works which had been carried out by the volunteer group. Sue talked about the proposed community orchard project on the derelict area of land opposite Tunbarr. So far ten residents have come forward to become involved with the project but Sue explained that it needs a long term commitment from approximately 30 people to be successful. Whilst the NT is happy to provide the land and equipment, the labour needs to be on an ongoing voluntary basis. Sue explained the benefits of a community orchard.

Other presentations:- Visual presentations were on display around the room from:-

Friends of Headley Heath
 Headley Heath Riders Association
 Gardening Club
 Headley Cricket Club
 Headley Computer Club
 Headley WI
 St. Mary's Church

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m. and invited everyone to stay for an informal drink and buffet.

Signed Chairman

Dated